

Calhoun County Board of Health Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2014

Board of Health

Dr. Mahesh Karamchandani, Chairperson
Nancy Mullett, Vice Chairperson
Kathy-Sue Dunn, County Commissioner
Ronnie Sims
Rick Tsoumas

Health Department

Sarah Kelly
Jim LeFevre
Paul Makoski
Deb Metzgar
James Rutherford, Health Officer

Absent

Mary Jo Byrne
Amy Davis

Other

Rick Hensley (BOH member July 2014)

Meeting called to order

Karamchandani called the meeting to order at 8:01 am.

Agenda

Sims motioned for agenda approval. Dunn seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Consent Agenda

Tsoumas motioned for approval of the consent agenda, Mullett seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Public Comment

No public comment

Presentation

LeFevre presented "Lead in Drinking Water at Schools and Child Care Facilities." The report included:

- Funding for this program comes from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and the EPA.
- Current opinion on blood lead levels is that there is no safe amount of lead exposure. Any amount of lead is dangerous to the health and development of a child.
- Schools in Calhoun County are under no obligation to participate and let us test their water for lead.
- Schools are also under no obligation to take any action after findings are reported.
- Barriers to getting schools to participate include: worrying that the school might possibly be shut down due to test results, responsibility for very expensive plumbing work to correct lead findings, and not understanding how lead exposure affects people.
- Currently the Calhoun County Public Health Department (CCPHD) has sampled 65 facilities. This adds up to 546 outlets and 2847 actual samples being collected.

Kelly presented an overview of the Solid Waste Program, which included:

- The CCPHD took over the program in August/September 2013. Staff was hired in November and December 2013.
- The Marshall recycling center is checked and cleaned in the morning every weekday by Solid Waste staff.
- The program has its own logo, website, and Facebook page.
- A styrofoam #6 collection was held in January. 27 large bags were collected. Michigan is lucky to have Dart Container in the state. Dart will drop off a semi for collection at our site and remove it after the event at no charge.
- A 2nd glass and tin recycling bin has been added to the 15 Mile Rd collection site. More bins cannot be added as all of the available space is now full. Currently working on a new site in Albion.
- All of the Solid Waste committee positions have been filled.
- The program's largest event, Recyclorama, was held on April 26th and took in almost 59 tons of material. Four household hazardous waste collections are also held each year.
- For the first time, compost was given away at the compost center on Division Drive in Marshall on May 5th. This was a joint effort with the City of Marshall and it was very busy.
- Three scrap tire collections will occur before August 31st of this year. These collections are funded by a \$3000 grant from the Southwest Michigan Solid Waste Consortium.

Health Officer Report

Rutherford highlighted the following from the Health Officer's report:

- Please review the School Wellness Program (SWP) evaluation. A new manager for the SWP has been hired and she will be starting on July 21st.
- The 2012 FIMR report indicates that there has been a decline in Fetal and Infant Mortality rates in Calhoun County over the past three years.
- Some local low-income mobile home parks have not been paying their water bills. Some have come very close to having their water shut off. The residents have no place to go if the parks are condemned. CCPHD responds as needed to situations in the parks, but the problem is that the CCPHD is limited as to what local regulations it can put in place for the parks.

By-Laws

The edited copy of the by-laws was distributed at the meeting. Metzgar will email a red-line copy and the edited copy to all board members.

Board Member Recognition

Rutherford recognized Rick Tsoumas for 9 years of service on the Board of Health.

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

For a copy of the presentation or the Health Officer report, please contact Deb Metzgar at 269-969-6463 or via email at dmetzgar@calhouncountymi.gov